

# VAGINALIS AUSTRALIS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* robustum, conico-convexum, compressum, mandibula superiore vagina mobili cornea tecta.

*Facies* nuda, papillosa.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

VAGINALIS alba, facie papillosa.

VAGINALIS Chionis.

*Lath. ind. orn.* p. 774.

VAGINALIS alba.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 705.

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Genus *Vaginalis* ex iis est novis ob avium nuperime detectarum abundantiam necessario institutis. Constat ex unica specie cui magnitudo est quasi columbæ vulgaris. Australasiam insulasque maris pacifici præcipue incolit.







THE  
SOUTHERN SHEATHBILL.

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*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Bill* strong, conically-convex, compressed; the upper mandible covered at the base by a moveable horny sheath.

*Face* naked, covered with papillæ.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

White SHEATHBILL, with scattered papillæ about the face.

The Southern or White SHEATHBILL.

White SHEATHBILL.

*Lath. syn.* 3. p. 268.

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The genus *Vaginalis* or Sheathbill is one of the new genera which, in consequence of the late discoveries in ornithology, it has been found necessary to institute. The species here represented is the only one at present known, and is about the size of a common Pigeon. It is a native of New Holland and of the scattered Southern islands.